

Wabaunsee County Commission

Wabaunsee County Courthouse, Alma, KS

Regular Meeting Minutes April 20, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in session Monday April 20, 2020. In compliance with the CDC guidelines to maintain social distancing and stay at home order Commissioners conducted the meeting over ZOOM. Members attending were Rodney L. Allen, Joel S. Fager and Jim Suber. Chairman Fager called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Attorney Tim Liesmann and County Clerk Jennifer Savage were in attendance.

COVID-19

County Health Administrator Ray Finley said there is one positive case in Wabaunsee County at this time, an employee at Alma Foods. Finley said Alma Foods was very proactive and shut down their operations until May 3rd and are doing extensive decontamination procedures. It was noted the Governor has extended the stay at home order until May 3rd.

Commissioner Fager asked if we are still closed to the public, is it acceptable for some departments to come back to work. Finley said he would have to look at each office/department and see if disinfectants are in place, if employees wear masks the risk is cut significantly.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush provided bids the following bids for a wheel loader:

	Murphy Tractor & Eq Co	Foley Equip	Murphy Tractor & Eq Co
Make	John Deere	Caterpillar	John Deere
Model	544K	924H	524K
Year	2015	2011	2008
# Hours	7,130	5,748	5,343
Total	\$89,500	\$81,500	\$92,500

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the purchase from Foley Equipment for the 2011 Caterpillar Model 924H with 5,748 hours for \$81,500. Commissioner Fager seconded, motion passed. KDOT cost share deadline extended until May

Bush said they are working on some bridges and there is some right of way that Commissioner Suber will need to negotiate.

Road & Bridge 2021 Budget request

Road & Bridge Supervisor Thayne Bush presented the 2021 Budget request for his department of \$2,390,850. The 2020 approved budget was \$2,334,287. Bush would like to purchase some new trucks, etc. because of the unbelievably low interest rates.

Commissioner Suber asked how we are going to promote the sales tax renewal issue that will be on the ballot his fall. County Attorney Liesmann said we can educate the citizens, but we cannot promote. Commissioners discussed ways to begin educating the public.

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Appraiser 2021 Budget request

County Appraiser Ryan Michaelis presented the 2021 budget request for his department of \$140,075. The 2020 approved budget was \$149,970. Michaelis said the decrease is due because of him splitting his time with Morris County.

Michaelis provided a COVID-19 Policy public announcement that will be placed in the papers. Michaelis said they will do reinspection's and sales inspections as required by K.S.A. 79-1476, but they WILL NOT MEASURE OR INTERVIEW. If they visually notice a change in the property wit will be noted to go back later in the year to reinspect and measure improvements.

Other Business

The minutes of March 30, April 6 were approved as presented. Commissioner Fager requested a correction to the April 13th minutes to state the school resource officer grant the Sheriff Department has applied for the schools will cover 25% for 3 years. The only difference will be employee insurance and the Sheriff Department will be giving a car to the school.

Noxious Weed 2021 Budget request

Noxious Weed Director Tonya Hensley presented the 2021 budget request for her department of \$271,194 which is the same as the 2020 approved budget.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Fager moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday April 27, 2020. Commissioner Suber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes approved this _____ day of May 2020.

Joel Fager, Chairman

Rodney L. Allen, Vice-Chairman

Jim Suber, Member

Attest:

Jennifer A. Savage
Wabaunsee County Clerk